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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Steel Wheels 12 to 16.5 Inches in Diameter from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of the Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of
Commerce

DATES: Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 28, 2018, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated a less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation of imports of certain steel wheels 12 to 16.5 inches in diameter (certain steel wheels) from the People's Republic of China (China).¹ The original deadline for the preliminary determination was January 15, 2019. However, Commerce exercised its discretion to toll all deadlines affected by the partial federal government closure from December 22, 2018, through the resumption of operations on January 29, 2019.² If the new deadline falls

¹ See *Certain Steel Wheels 12 to 16.5 Inches in Diameter from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation*, 83 FR 45095 (September 5, 2018).

² See memorandum to the Record from Gary Taverman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and

on a non-business day, in accordance with Commerce's practice, the deadline will become the next business day. The revised deadline for the preliminary determination is now February 25, 2019.

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in a LTFV investigation within 140 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) the petitioner³ makes a timely request for a postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.⁴

On December 12, 2018, the petitioner submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determination in this LTFV investigation.⁵ The petitioner stated that it requests postponement because Commerce was still gathering data and questionnaire responses from the foreign producers in this investigation, and additional time is necessary for interested parties to respond to additional requests from Commerce.

Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, "Deadlines Affected by the Partial Shutdown of the Federal Government," dated January 28, 2019. All deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by 40 days.

³ The petitioner is Dexstar Wheel, a division of Americana Development, Inc.

⁴ See 19 CFR 351.205(e).

⁵ See the petitioner's letter, "Certain Steel Wheels (12 to 16.5 Inches in Diameter) from China: Petitioner's Request to Extend the Preliminary Determination," dated December 12, 2018.

For the reasons stated above, and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, Commerce, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination by 50 days. As a result, Commerce will issue its preliminary determination no later than April 15, 2019. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination of this investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless postponed at a later date.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: January 31, 2019.

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for Enforcement and Compliance.

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